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SUBJECT: BASQUE LOCAL MAYOR KILLED

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1. AMCON BILBAO INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MAYOR OF GALDACANO, A SURBURB OF BILBAO, WAS GUNNED DOWN EARLY FEB 9. SO FAR, BASQUE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ETA HQS HAS NOT CLAIMED CREDIT FOR SHOOTING, BUT NO ONE DOUBTS THAT ETA OR ONE OF ITS SPLINTER OFFSHOOTS DID THE KILLING.

2. SHOOTING IS FIRST TERRORIST INCIDENT SINCE KIDNAPPING JAN 24 OF BASQUE INDUSTRIALIST'S SON WHO IS REPORTEDLY STILL BEING HELD BY ETA SPLINTER GROUP IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. AN EVENT THAT HAS PROVOKED FURTHER SCHISM AMONG ETA GROUPS AND PPULAR BASQUE REACTION. LAST WEEK POPULACE OF HOME TOWN OF KIDNAP VICTIM STAGED DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING KIDNAPPING. BASQUE NATIONALIST PARTY (PNV), WHICH IS MEMBER OF EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION, ALSO REPORTEDLY ISSUED STATEMENT ATTACKING KIDNAPPING.

3. OBSERVERS CONSIDER THAT KIDNAPPING TACTIC GREW OUT OF INTERNAL SPLIT WITHIN ETA WHICH WAS SEVERELY WEAKENED BY
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GOVT ANTI-TERRORIST CAMPAIGN LAST FALL. LATEST KILLING

OF A BASQUE BY BASQUES MAY BE A FURTHER REFLECTION
OF THIS INTERNAL SPLIT AND WE GUESS WILL ALSO DAMAGE
IMPLICIT POPULAR SUPPORT WHICH ETA HAD SEEMED TO ENJOY
HERETOFORE.
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